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SUBJECT: US FISHERY OFF FRENCH GUIANA

REF:A.EC BRUSSELS 3515 B. EC BRUSSELS 4053

1. INFO PARA 5 REFTEL HAS BEEN PASSED TO APPROPRIATE US
FISHING INTERESTS AS SUGGESTED.

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2. DEPT. APPRECIATES EXCELLENT EFFORTS BY MISSION TO HELP SORT OUT EC FISHERY REGIME WHICH WILL APPLY TO US SHRIMP FISHERY OFF FRENCH GUIANA. IT APPEARS THAT REGIME BEING DEVELOPED MAY BE A REASONABLE ONE WHICH WILL NOT CAUSE US SERIOUS PROBLEMS, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE A FEW IMPORTANT QUESTIONS YET TO BE DETERMINED.

3. ONE OF THESE QUESTIONS IS AMOUNT OF FEE. US IS CHARGING FOREIGN FISHERMEN FEE BASED ON 3.5 PERCENT OF VALUE OF FISH. ANY FEE REQUIRED OF US FISHERMEN OPERATING OFF OTHER COUNTRIES COASTS WHICH IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THIS AMOUNT COULD CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH SANCTIONS PROVIDED FOR BY US FISHERIES LAW. ALSO, THE ECONOMICS OF THE FISHERY ARE SUCH THAT AMOUNT OF THE FEE IS CRITICAL. MISSION SHOULD EXPLORE WITH EC THIS QUESTION OF COST OF

LICENSES SO THAT WE CAN AT LEAST GET SOME IDEA OF PRELIMINARY THINKING OF EC ON THIS ISSUE.

4. OTHER REMAINING ISSUE IS QUESTION OF NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE VESSELS. PARA 4 REFTEL INDICATES EC INFORMATION IS THAT ONLY ABOUT 50 US VESSELS FISH OFF FRENCH GUIANA. DEPT. CONCERNED THAT THIS FIGURE IS TOO LOW; OUR INFORMATION IS THAT AS MANY AS 100 US VESSELS MAY FISH OFF FRENCH GUIANA. MORE THAN 100 US VESSELS ARE FISHING IN GUIANAS AREA GENERALLY. IN ANY CASE, IT IS NOT CLEAR TO DEPT. WHY LIMITATIONS ON NUMBERS OF VESSELS MUST BE SET IF TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH IS BEING ESTABLISHED. MISSION MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS WITH EC OFFICIALS.
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5. REGARDING MECHANICS, DEPT'S UNDERSTANDING IS THAT LICENSING REGIME FOR FRENCH GUIANA IS INTERIM MEASURE BEING UNILATERALLY ESTABLISHED BY EC FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR. WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER THIS YEAR APPEARS TO BE UNCLEAR, BUT DEPT. ASSUMES THIS ISSUE CAN BE ADDRESSED LATER.
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